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## MISCELLANEOUS ACTION

### *Response to Amendment*

1. The reply filed on May 24, 2001 is not fully responsive to the prior Office action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): the amendments to the specification and claims are improper because the lines are crowded too closely together, making reading difficult and are not in compliance with 37 CFR 1.52(b). Substitute specification entries and claims with lines one and one-half or double spaced on good quality paper are required (it is noted that wider spacing should be provided for both the clean and marked-up versions). See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given a TIME PERIOD of **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment.

EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Clark Dexter whose telephone number is (703) 308-1404.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mr. Rinaldi Rada, can be reached at (703)308-2187.

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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703)308-1148. The fax numbers for this group are: formal papers - (703)305-3579; informal/draft papers - (703)305-9835.



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